

Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/563,229 First Named Applicant: Adrian PAZ
 Examiner: Andrew Yang Art Unit: 3775 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

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Proposed Date of Interview: November 16, 2010 Proposed Time: 9:00 (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) Telephonic (2) Personal (3) Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: YES NO

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Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art Lonkey	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Rej.	29-32, 27,44-48	Lonkey	[]	[]	[]
(2) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(3) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(4) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Compliance of claims 47-49 to 35 U.S.C. 112, identification of the support. Discussion about of the concept differences between current invention and Lonkey (US 6641575). The main difference between the present invention and the cited prior art is the positioning of the anchoring point, to which the anchoring means are coupled, to the internal surface of the abdominal wall. The main advantage provided by the present invention is that the location of the anchoring point at an internal surface of the abdominal wall within said cavity prevents the creation of an additional opening in the patient's body at the anchoring point. Lonkey discloses 3 main embodiments of the anchoring: (a) retraction to an external framework such as a frame anchored to or adjacent to the surgical field; (b) Retraction to a frame which is coupled to the table; or (c) Retraction to a self retaining retractor at the incision which is, according to Lonkey, the patient's skin. In all of the above, there is no mentioning of anchoring to the internal surface of the abdominal wall.

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

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